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**MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
CLARION, PENNSYLVANIA
April 25, 2013 – 3:15 p.m.
Carrier Building, Room 114**

Members Present: Chairman Jon Beal, Diana Brush, Jackie Knaust, David Love, Jennifer May, Ray Puller, Ric Taylor (Ex-officio)

Others Present: Chris McCarrick, Brenda Polatty, Rein Pold

I. **Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Ray Puller and seconded by Jennifer May to approve the March 25, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

II. **Additional Agenda Items:**

1. Page Street Parking
2. Pedestrian Crosswalks for Proposed New Student Housing Project

III. **Old Business:**

Items in Progress:

1. Foundation Suites – Ric Taylor

Clarion University Foundation, Inc., has received the variance to move forward with construction and a tentative opening date for fall, 2015. J. Knaust presented information on behalf of Professor Dan Clark expressing concerns surrounding a similar construction at another college involving a student fatality that resulted from crossing a major artery between the campus and residential housing. R. Taylor indicated these concerns have been discussed with the design team and a traffic consultant was hired to address the matter. Plans call for the Foundation to petition PENNDOT to widen Route 322 to provide parallel parking in addition to seeking other ways to slow traffic. Options include a fence to force pedestrians to cross at the Arnold Street crosswalk; but, this topic is on the agenda as construction plans move forward.

2. Venango – Ric Taylor

Plans continue for sidewalk replacement throughout the summer months; the drainage project included some planting that was performed just this week; and, work continues on development of their Strategic Master Plan.

3. Facilities Master Plan –Ric Taylor

Ric reported the Facilities Master Plan is roughly half way through the process with all spaces on campus having been inventoried which included square foot analysis as well as who currently occupies space. Any allocation of space will be reviewed with the President. Perkins Eastman plans to be back on campus May 13-15 to possibly convene with the Facilities Planning Committee at that time regarding progress to date.

4. Becht Hall – Ric Taylor

Phase I is nearing the completion of the contracting process; and, a cost savings was realized over the previous bid. Phase II is now out for bid with a tentative award date by November, 2013. With a 19-month timeline, it is hoped construction will be completed by May/June, 2015. It was noted this project is being covered by State capital appropriations funding and not from University operating funds.

5. Tippin – Ric Taylor

Design teams spent two productive days on campus. Because DGS (Department of General Services) requires two design solutions, we have received approval for the preferred design. The competitive pool plans call for an attachment to Tippin with glass enclosures. Designs also call for a multipurpose banquet hall area with a second gym for practice area, and new arena with improved seating capabilities. According to DGS the target completion date is 2016.

6. Environmental Subcommittee – Rein Pold

Rein reported that a group at “Come Together Clarion” is distributing brochures to get the message out regarding recycling efforts. According to Jessica Miller their plan is to look at potential ways to help recycle during student move-out day.

7. Apple Sculpture – Rein Pold

Rein indicated that the apple sculpture has arrived and plans are in place for installation in time for Family Day in September. Student Senate was charged with developing a policy regarding its use.

8. Becker Hall/Stevens Hall/Keeling Health Center – Ric Taylor

Ric reported that the Becker and Stevens Hall projects are slated to be done over the summer months. Also, due to duct work deterioration, approval has been obtained for Phase I of HVAC in Becker. Numerous painting projects are slated across campus during the summer months. Additionally, new roofs are also to be placed on Keeling Health Center and the Little Theater; and, although the entire roof of Marwick Boyd is in need of replacement, there is no current funding for the entire building.

9. Reinhard Villages Sidewalk – Ric Taylor

Ric reported that he recently spoke with the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., and this project is in continued negotiations with PENNDOT.

10. Bus Service – Rein Pold

Rein indicated that an updated contract is now in the hands of Monroe Township pending the next township meeting for approval. He noted that only hourly changes were made to the weekend schedule; however, it is anticipated there may be major bus route changes needed in November, 2014. This contract is a year-by-year contract and subject to approval by PENNDOT for continuation of funding.

11. Egbert Signage – Ric Taylor

Egbert was added to the signage by Tippin Gymnasium. Missing lettering should be installed soon.

12. Trails – Ric Taylor

Meetings with all involved constituents (Pennsylvania American Water, Clarion University Foundation, Inc., and Clarion Borough) are continuing; and, at the most recent meeting all were in agreement that this project can be accomplished. Progress is being made toward a resolution.

IV. New Business:

1. Page Street Parking – Rein Pold

Discussion was held regarding the parking along Page Street and decreased visibility for pedestrians. Rein noted these parking spaces will be off-line due to the Tippin project; however, it was felt there was a safety concern and should be reviewed by the Parking Committee.

MOTION: David Love made a motion to ask the Parking Committee to take a look at Page Street parking due to safety concerns. Ray Puller seconded and motion carried.

V. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23. Since classes will not be in session, the meeting will convene at 3:00 p.m. (rather than 3:15 p.m.) in Carrier 114.